

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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Waiver 13-09-010

Pursuant to § 19A-12(b)(1)(B) of the Public Ethics Law, a public employee must not be employed by a business that negotiates or contracts with the County agency with which the public employee is affiliated, unless the Ethics Commission grants a waiver.

Gloria E. Suescun is a Community Service Aid working at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Tuberculosis Control Clinic. She requests a waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b)(1)(B) so that she may be employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in the Intermediate Care cardiac unit.

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital contracts with DHHS with respect to the Department's Women's Cancer Control Program. Ms. Suescun does not work for or have any involvement with this DHHS program at DHHS nor would she have any connection with this program in her employment at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

Pursuant to § 19A-8(b)(3) of the Public Ethics Law, the Ethics Commission may grant a waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b) if the Ethics Commission concludes that the proposed employment is not likely to create an actual conflict of interest. Upon a review of the request and the Department's concurrence in and support for the waiver request, the Commission finds that there is no actual conflict of interest. Pursuant to the standard of § 19A-8(b)(3), the Commission grants the waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b).

In reaching this decision, the Commission has relied upon the facts as presented by Ms. Suescun.

For the Commission:

Stuart Rick, Chair